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**Blames Monopoly Press  
in Bedell Smith Story**

To the Editor: For the benefit of the editors, since the GOPolithoro which controls the makeup of the paper will never allow this to be printed, I'd like to call attention to another of the flagrant abuses of the public trust implicit in your virtual news monopoly in this area.

On Sept. 29, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of the counter intelligence agency and ex-chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower, stated that he operated under the assumption that Communists had infiltrated every one of our security agencies. Despite Gen. Smith's plea to keep the matter out of politics, the Tribune on Sept. 30 gave the story over 20' column inches, over seven of them on page

one under a reds-in-government headline.

On Oct. 11, Gen. Smith, testifying before the house un-American activities committee, refuted Gen. Smith of Sept. 29. The only possible redress for the Tribune would have been to give this story equal prominence to the previous one. It got not even one line. The New York Times, which also supports Eisenhower but has the integrity to confine its editorializing to the editorial page, ran this story on page one as befits its news value.

The New York Times quoted from Gen. Smith's statement, "... Any future president, Democrat or Republican, is going to have to work with the same security agencies now in existence . . . If either candidate does as well as President Truman in co-operating with the security agencies, the Americans can congratulate themselves. Roger H. Weiss, Minneapolis.

*Editor's Note: The story to which Reader Weiss refers was carried on page one of the Minneapolis Star Oct. 11.*